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Deepening of drinking water wells in Dindigul taluk.

* 1428 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member who gave notice of the question is not in his place, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) how much money was allotted and spent for deepening of drinking water wells in Dindigul taluk in 1953–54; and

(b) how many wells were deepened?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Separate figures showing the expenditure incurred on the 'deepening' of drinking water wells only in Dindigul taluk in 1953–54 are not available. The total allotment made and the amount actually spent in that year in that taluk on sinking of new wells and deepening of existing wells were Rs. 34,468 and Rs. 25,717 respectively.

" (b) Fourteen."

Withholding of the maintenance grant to the Pattayam Aided Elementary School, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar.

* 1429 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) why the maintenance grant for Pattayam Aided Elementary School in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, was withheld from 1948 to 1950; and

(b) what action has been taken on the representations to the Government by the Manager concerned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The school was without a Registered Manager during the period from 19th June 1948 to 18th August 1950 as Sri K. M. Chandu Nair, the Teacher-Manager, had been declared unfit to be a Manager and as his T.S.L.C. certificate had been suspended. Hence the maintenance grant was withheld for the period.

" (b) The Teacher-Manager's petition for proportionate grant for the period from 1st January to 18th June 1948 was received after over three years and could not be considered."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" As even during the period when the Registered Manager was declared unfit to be the Manager, the institution was conducted properly as is evident from the fact that teaching grant was allowed to the institution. Without building and furniture, etc., no school could be conducted and in this case since the school has been conducted maintenance of the school was necessary and hence maintenance grant due is to be paid. Will the Hon. Minister reconsider the matter, see that the technical difficulties are removed and the grant that has been withheld is given? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as this particular Teacher-Manager is concerned, I am afraid we cannot consider the question of paying the grant for the period for which he was declared to be ineligible to be the Manager. If any representation is received with regard to the period prior to that, I am prepared to consider."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Subsequently, on the representation made by the Teacher, the Teachers' Union and some Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Government were pleased to remove the disqualification. But the grant was not paid."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The disqualification was removed subsequently, but no retrospective effect was given to it. During the period of his disqualification, he could not have been the Manager legally. With reference to the period when he was the Manager legally, I shall consider if any representation is made."

Implementation of the Plantations Labour Act of 1951.

* 1430 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Plantations Labour Act of 1951 has come into force in Madras State since 1st April 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement the provisions of the Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The provisions of the Act can be implemented fully only after rules are framed under the Plantations Labour Act, 1951. The Government of India are framing model rules in consultation with the State Governments and the employers' and employees' organizations.

The question of appointing special staff for enforcement of the Act is under the consideration of this Government."

Offences under the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Act of 1947.

* 1431 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cases of offences committed under the provisions of the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Act of 1947 were brought to the notice of the Government and tried in the State during the years 1952, 1953 and 1954—up to date; and

(*b*) how many ended in conviction so far and how many are still pending?